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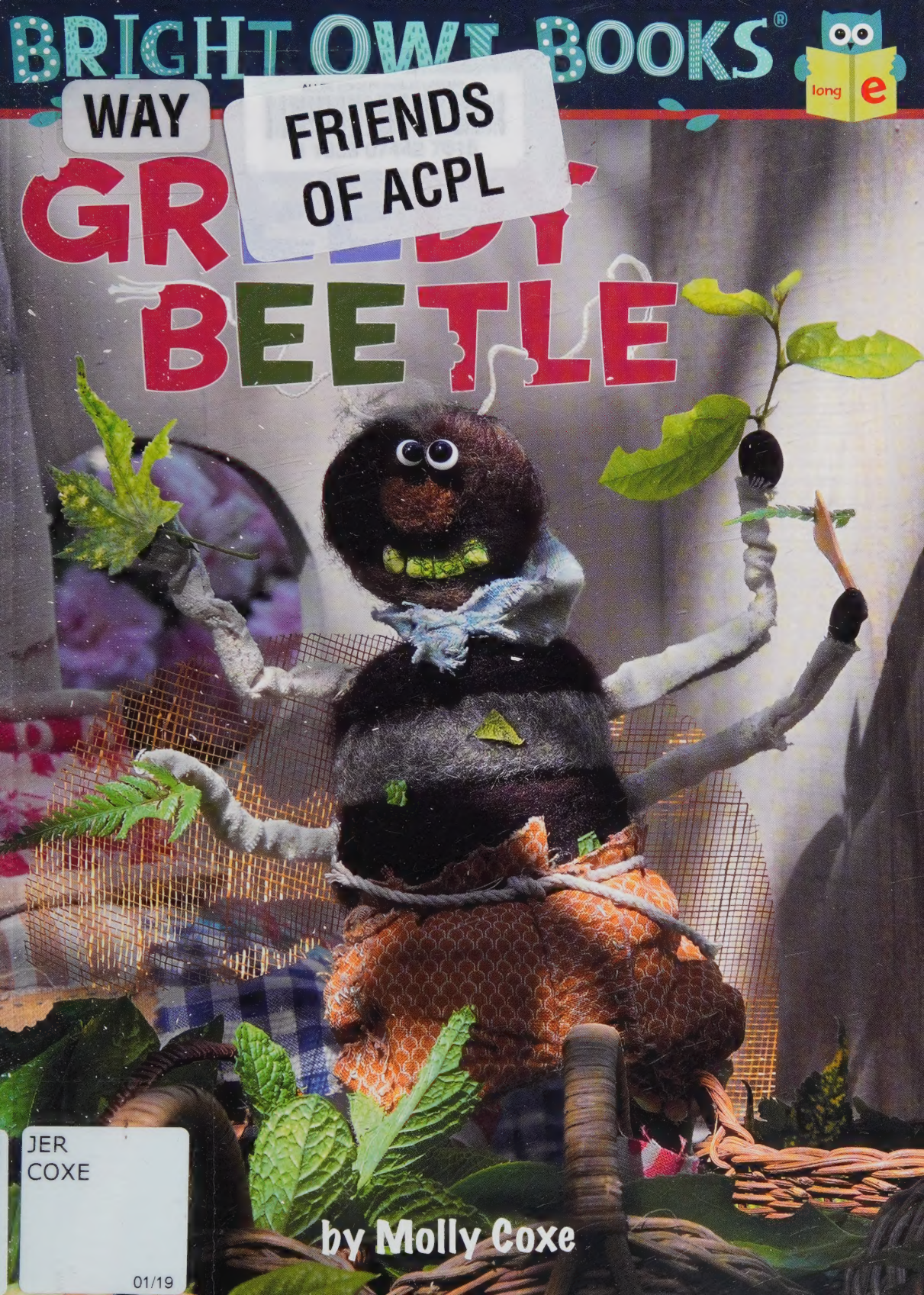

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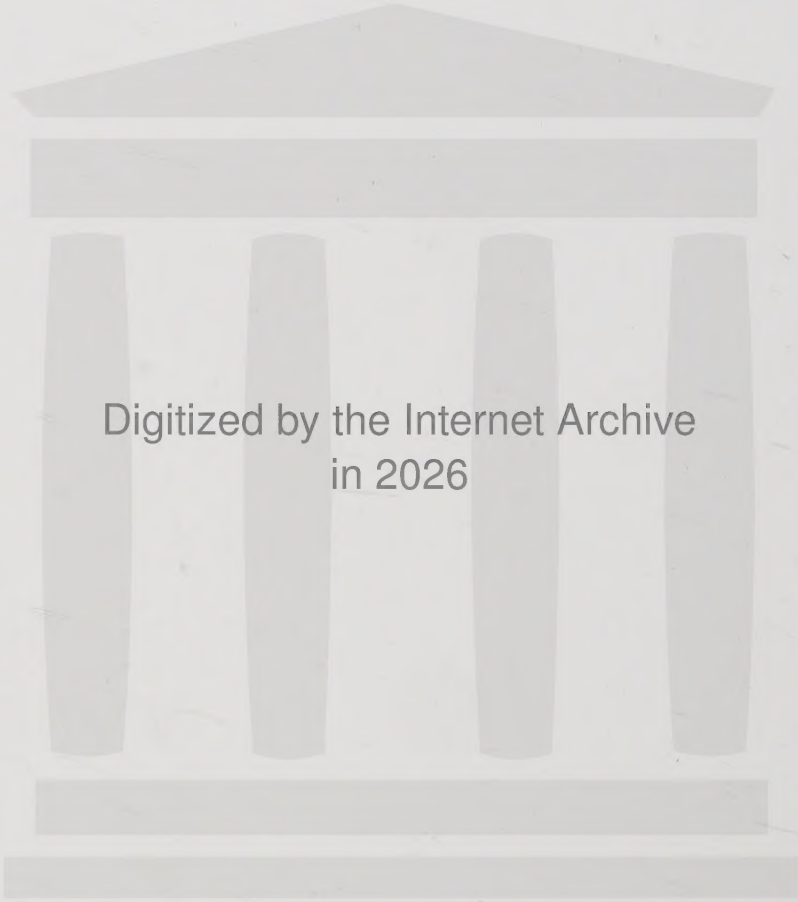
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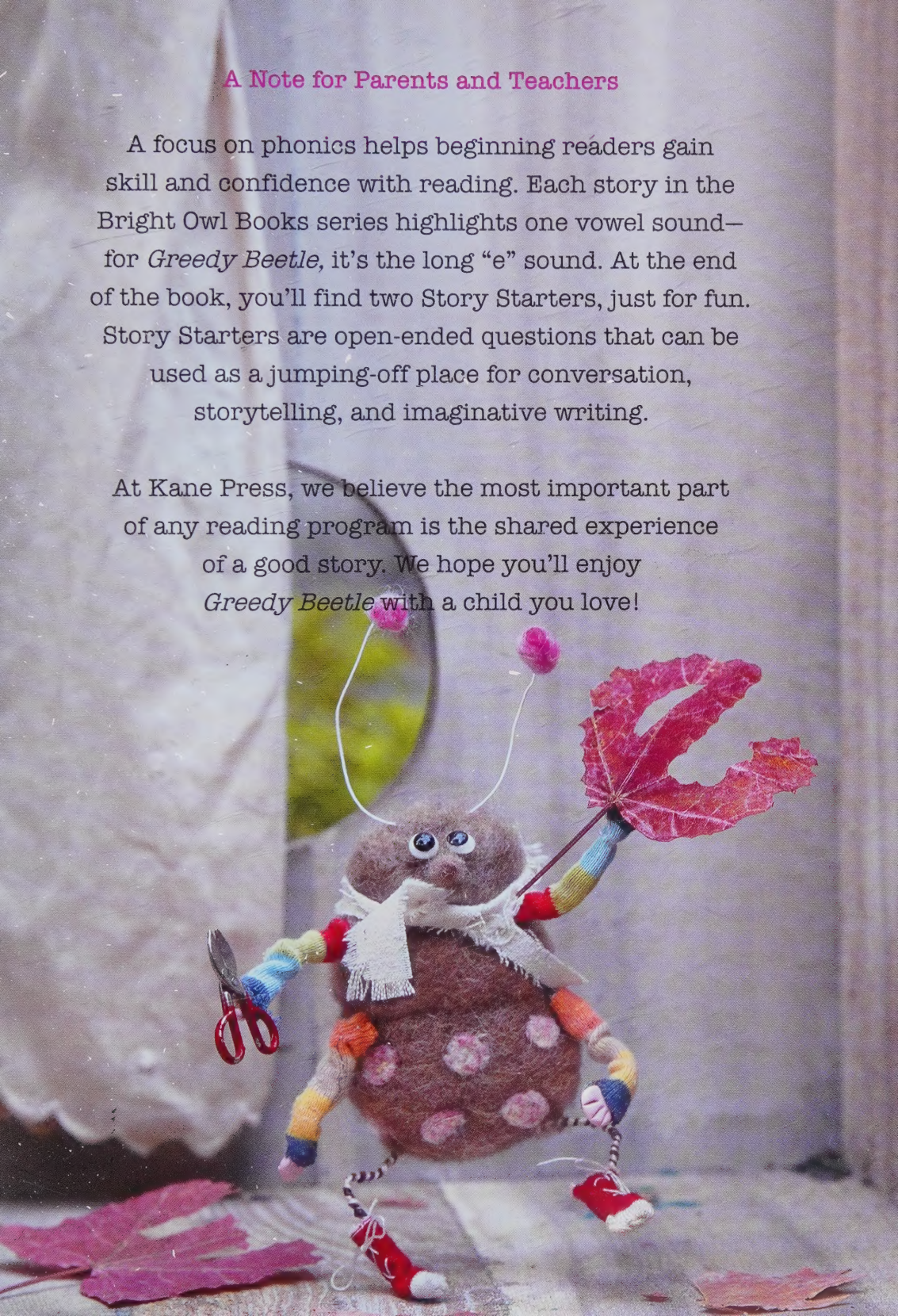

For all bright-eyed, bright owl readers.

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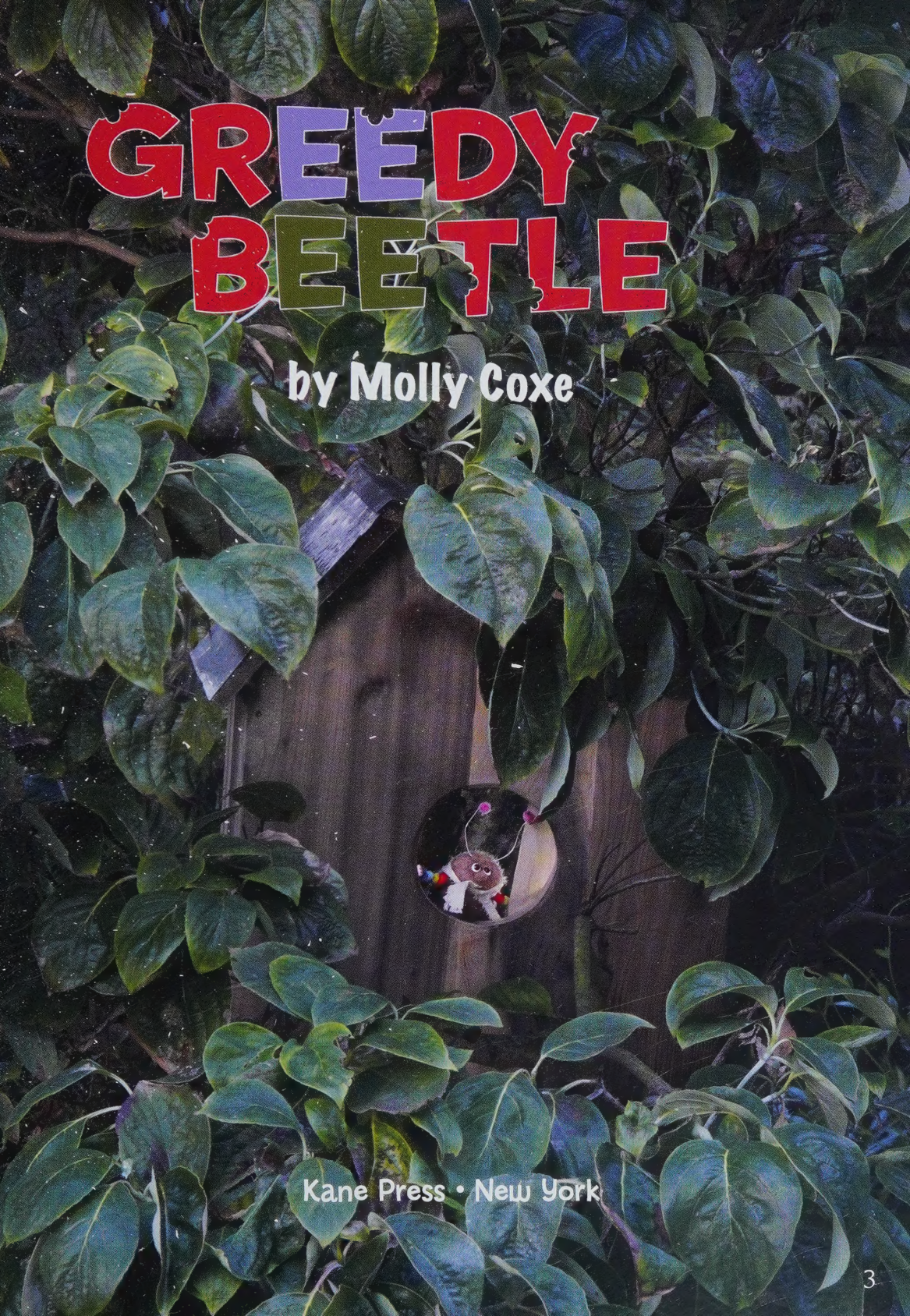
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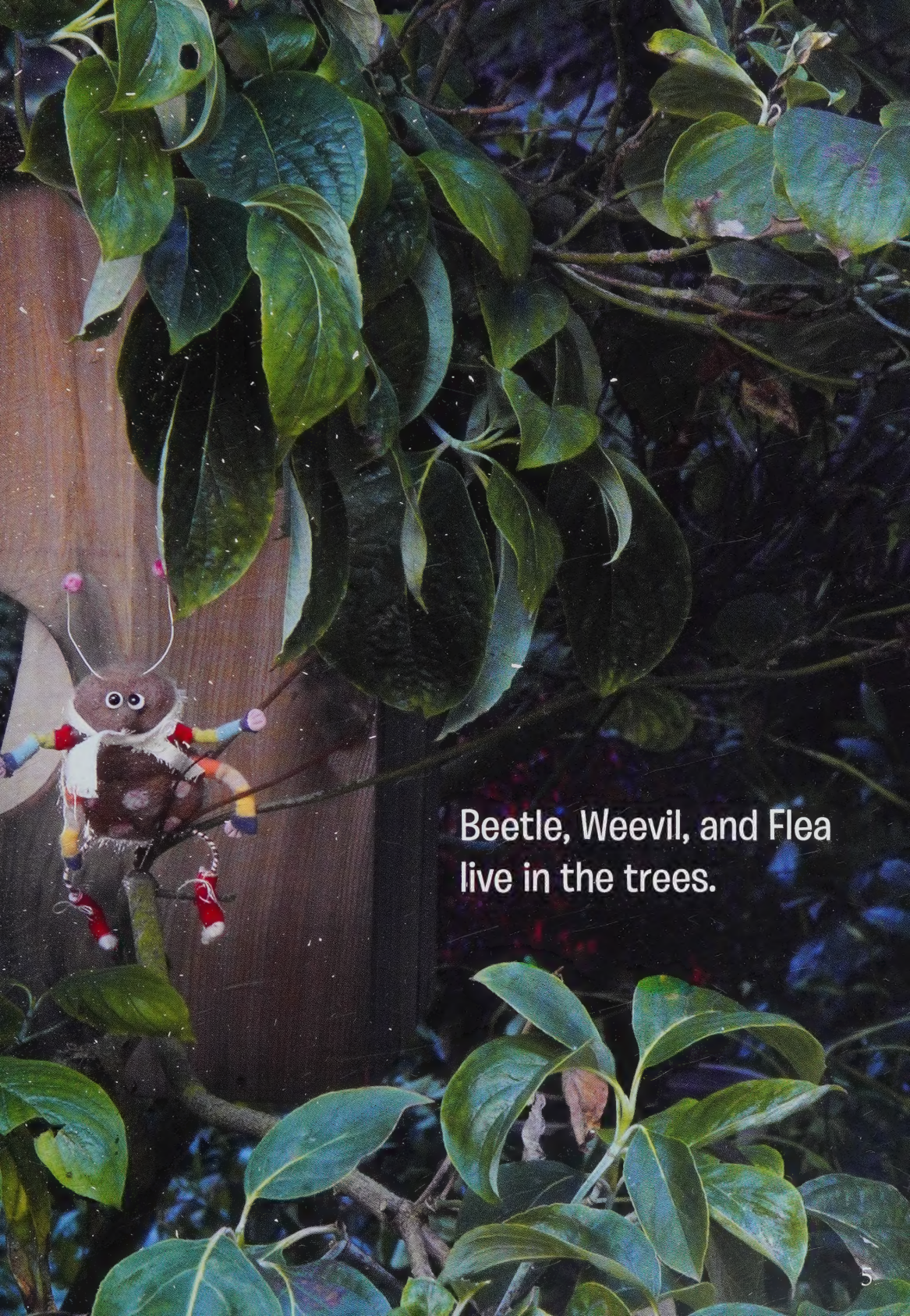


Beetle, Weevil, and Flea
live in the trees.

They eat green leaves.
They sleep.
They read.
They have everything
three bugs need.

One day,
the green leaves freeze.
A breeze blows the leaves
off the trees.

All but three.
"One for Beetle,
one for Flea,
and one for me!"
says Weevil.

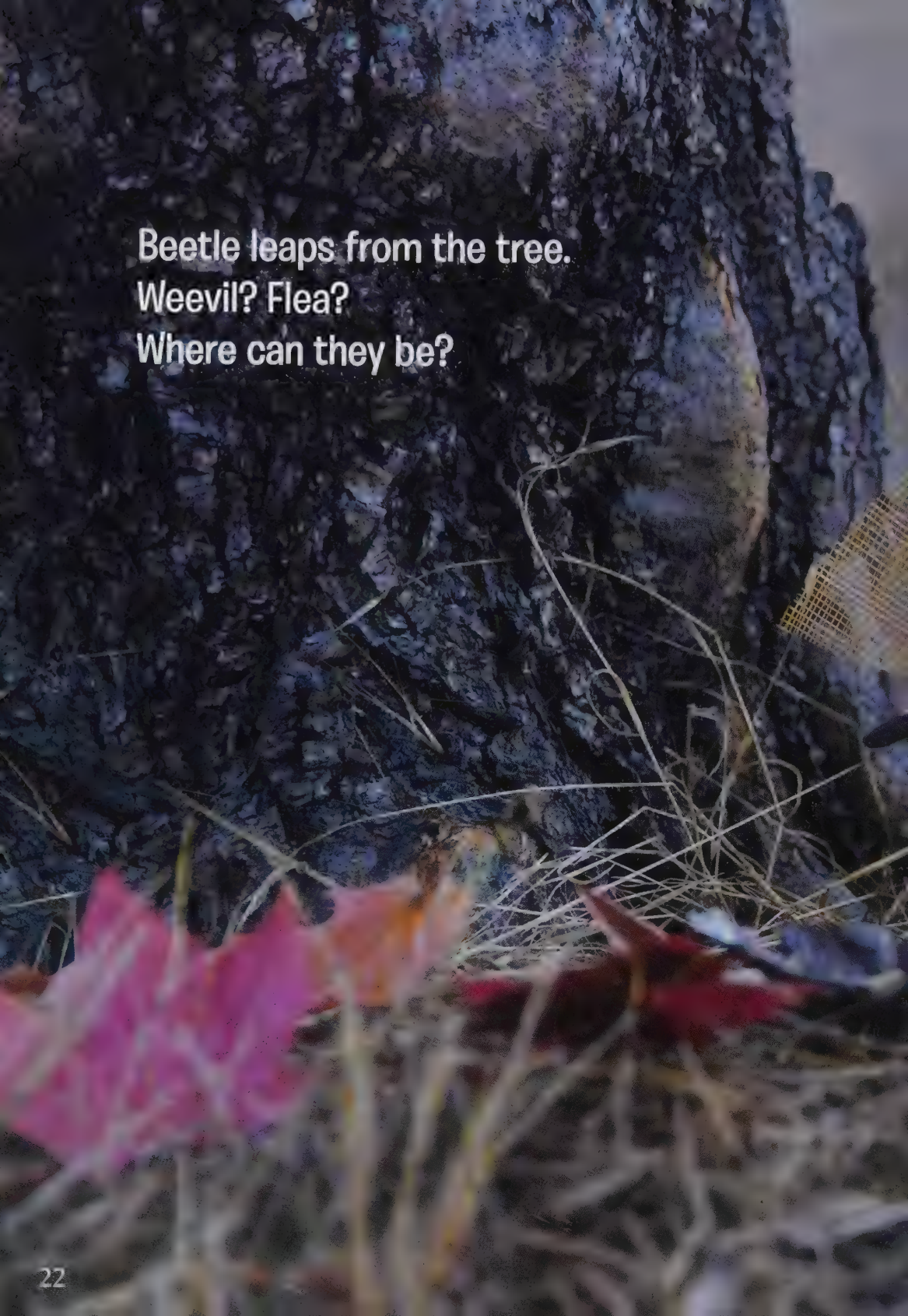
"Three for me!"
says Beetle.
"Don't be greedy,"
says Weevil.
"Leave!"
says Beetle.

Beetle steams the leaves.

He sees Weevil's seat.
He sees Flea's seat.
Beetle does not feel like eating.

He does not like
the way he feels.
Beetle feels . . .

greedy!


Beetle leaps from the tree.
Weevil? Flea?
Where can they be?

Beetle sees Flea.

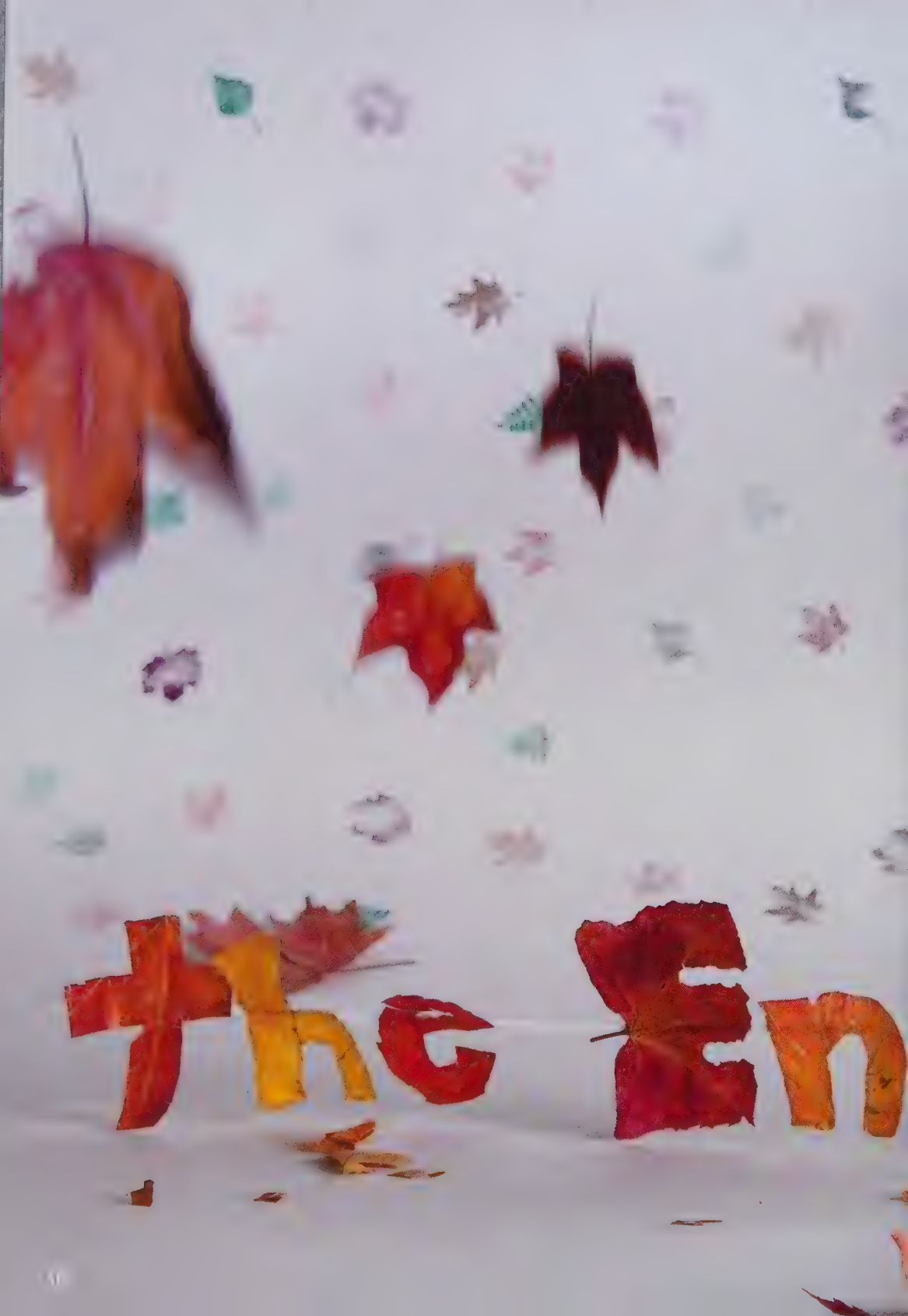
Weevil sees Beetle.
"Flee, Flea!"
she says.
"Beetle is here
to steal our green bean!"

"Don't leave!" says Beetle.
"I was greedy and mean.
I will not steal
your green bean."

"Really?" asks Flea.
"Really!" says Beetle.

Beetle, Weevil, and Flea
eat a feast for three.

They are as happy
as three bugs
can be.
"Yippee!"
says Flea.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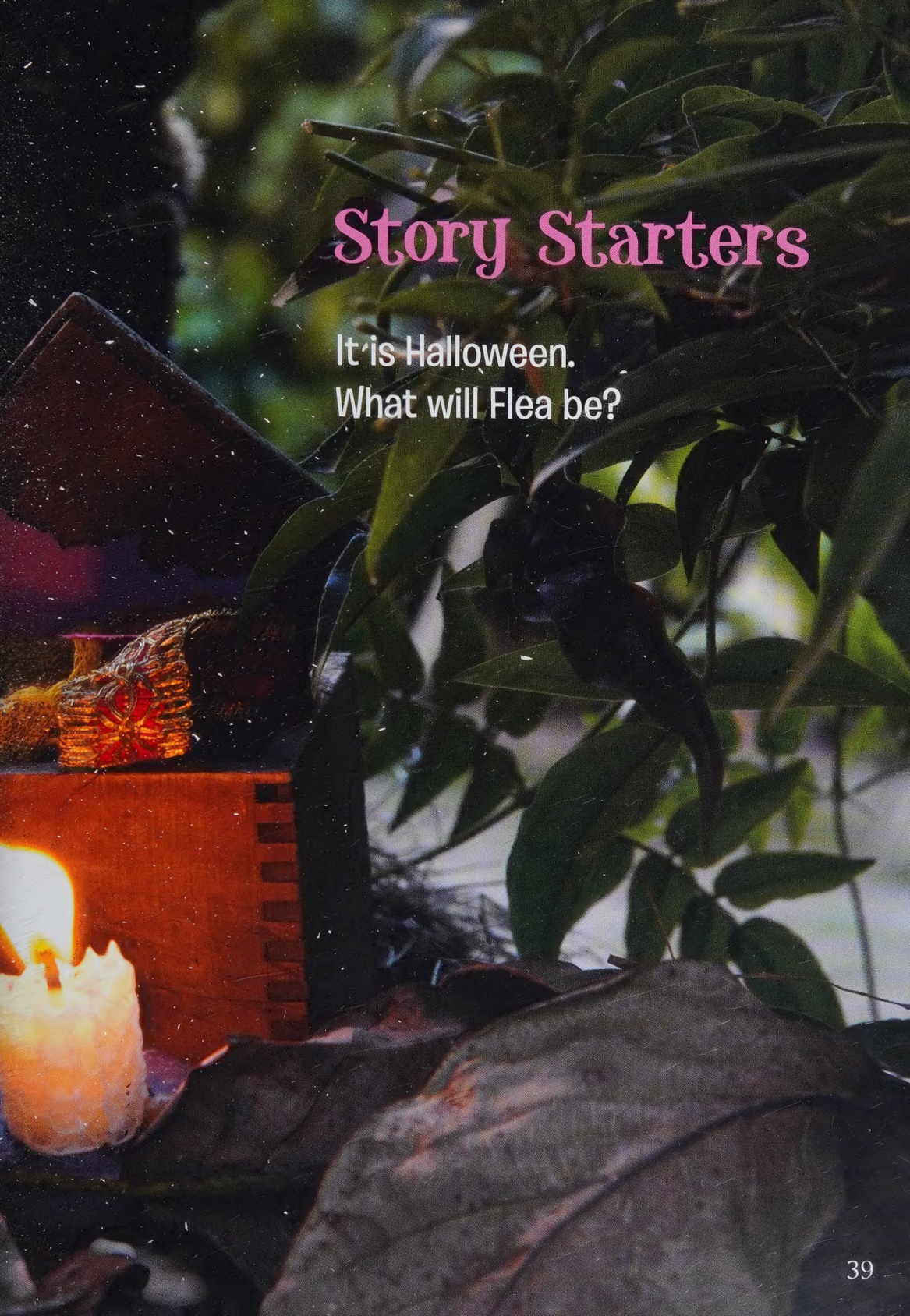

Story Starters

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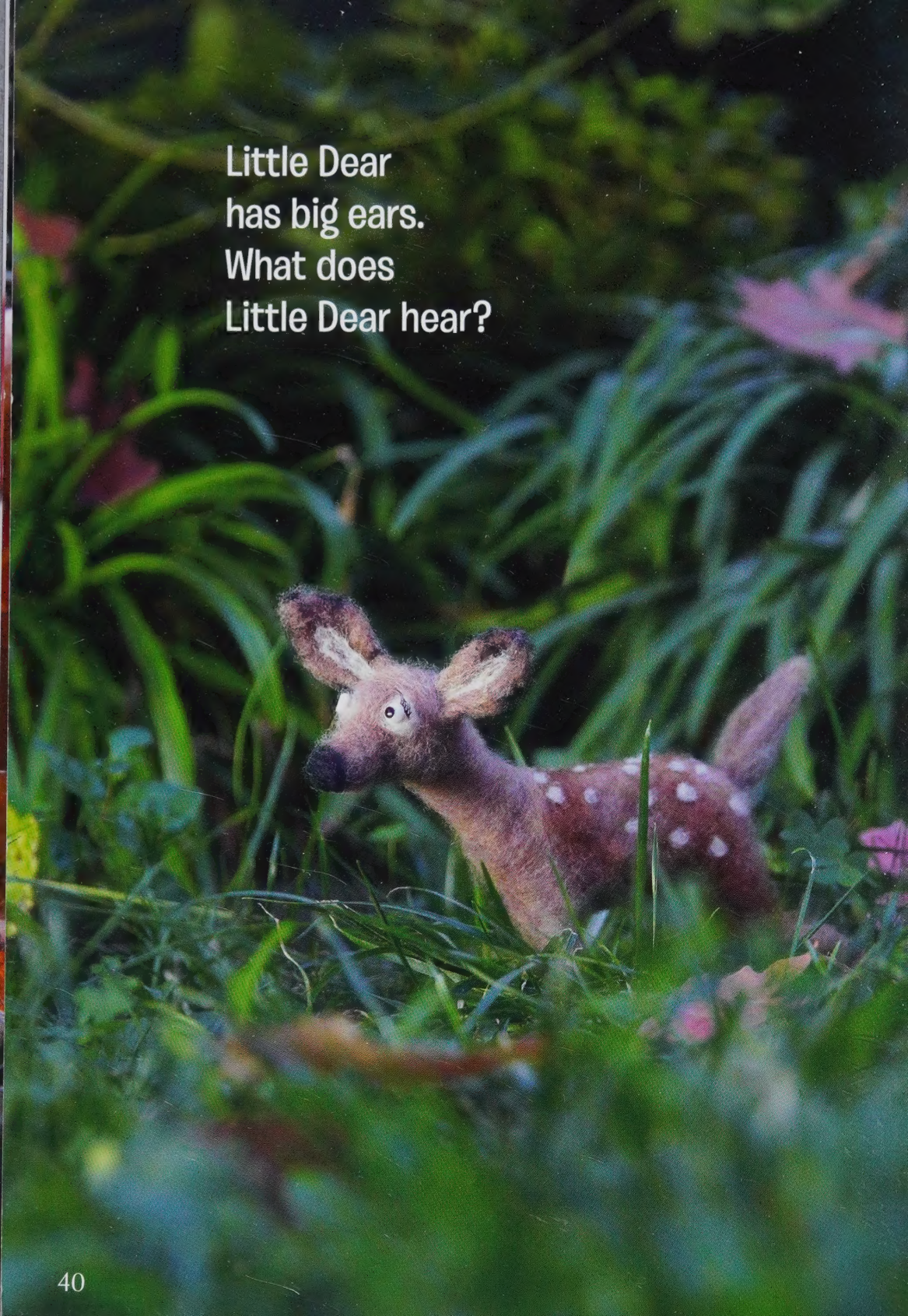
What will Flea be?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has big ears.
What does
Little Dear hear?

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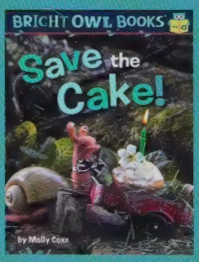

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